

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF ART UNIT: 1617
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: PCT/EP2004/003518
FILED: APRIL 02, 2004
U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/550381
35 USC §371 DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2005
FOR: COMBINATIONS COMPRISING ANTI-EPILEPTIC DRUGS FOR
THE TREATMENT OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

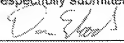
Sir:

The Office Action of April 17, 2009 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on July 17, 2009. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1110 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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